



Sustainability Advisory Committee

**MINUTES
SAC COMMITTEE
October 15, 2015
CITY HALL A/B CONFERENCE ROOM**

ROLL CALL:

Pamela Fournier, Chair
George Hettich
Rich Lintz, Aldermanic Representative
Richard Marx
Alex Bornstein
Gina Nakis
Cindy Mense

ABSENT:

Joe Miller
Brad Bernstein
Stan Braude
Ira Berkowitz

CITY STAFF:

Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works
Daneen Schlereth, Recording Secretary

Pam opened the meeting at 4pm requesting approval of the June 25, 2015 minutes. Minutes were approved by Richard Marx and Gina Nakis.

Pam introduced herself as the new chair and informed the committee the meeting is going to be informal and open to any new suggestions. Pam had an easel in the front of the room for any new suggestions to written and discussed.

Sustainability Accomplishments

Pam asked Dale to review the committee's past accomplishments. Dale provided a handout of a list of the committee accomplishments. I have attached a copy of the list at the end of the minutes.

A few bullet points:

- Grant for the recycling containers in Shaw Park
- Platinum level LEED certification of the 10 S Brentwood
- Annual Electronic Recycling event has recycled over 220 tons of electronics

The committee continued with a general conversation regarding the list of items.

Meeting Dates & Times

Pam suggested for future meetings if we have a lot to discuss we can meet every month; otherwise keep it every other month. In something comes up pressing we can always pull a quick meeting together. She informed the committees there can be times she can't make the meetings but if someone steps up to be the backup chair, the meeting can still take place.

No one volunteered specifically, but the committee agreed they could manage the meeting.

Meeting time was set for 4:30-5:30pm

Next meeting was scheduled in the early part of December, due to the holidays.

Pam suggested if we cannot establish a certain day for the meetings, than after that meeting, the next day we can send out an email recapping the time and date for the next meeting scheduled.

Brainstorming Ideas

Pam is concerned about the vision of committee, asked if we have a clear view of what this committee interfaces with the overall picture with Clayton

Alderman Lintz questioned the committee description; Dale said we changed the name of the committee a few years ago.

Pam said there use to be a lot of people on the committee when she first started, but after they changed the committee per ordinance, we can only have a set amount. Pam was suggesting if we could have more members, that would give us a better opportunity to have a quorum at each meeting and we wouldn't have to cancel due to a lack of members being able to attend. However we can't just invite residents they have to be appointed to the committee.

Alderman Lintz said he poled the alderman on the responsibilities of the committee.
Few ideas:

Communication concept – the committee does a good job of promoting activities.

Environmental audit – the audit is committee's responsibility, the committee was unaware of it and several members said that the committee has never done one since they have been active members. Dale said the committee changed by ordinance on June of 2012, and as of then no audit has been conducted.

Special research projects – such as the Green Globe Research or any other ideas we come across.

General ideas – such as transportation for city operations, would be the committee's basis for those types of ideas.

Pam said basically the committee generates ideas and then they are put out for review to which is feasible for the city to pursue.

Pam informed the committee we can't forget the fowl issue. Alderman Lintz said that's funny you should bring that up. The board just redid the ordinance, changing several things regarding the rooster issue; they have up to sixty days to comply. Limit the number of chickens, size of yards and the size of coop.

Pam said great conversation, which the committee spent a lot of time on this recommendation. Points out the committee and the alderman need to have something that is meaningful and not a waste of time for anyone.

Pam opened up the committee for brainstorming.

Some ideas listed.

Environmental Audit

Search other communities and send ideas to Daneen for committee to discuss

Partnering up with neighboring communities Washington University, University City

Inviting Catherine Werner to a future meeting to get new ideas

Inviting Mitch Leachman to a meeting in February or April

Educate Clayton Schools – hold events in the schools

Explore more commercial recycling.

The committee held a general conversation regarding several of the issues brought up, Pam suggested we do a little searching on our own and see if we can bring any other ideas to the next meeting.

Pam closed the meeting at 5pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, December 10th, 2015**

cc: June Waters, City Clerk